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Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Notice To File Missing Parts mailed March 27, 2002.

An Extension of Time for two months is hereby requested pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 (in the name of Novartis Pharmaceutical Corporation) in the amount of \$400.00 for payment of the extension fee. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Novartis Pharmaceutical Corporation's Deposit Account No. 19-0134.

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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please enter the enclosed paper Sequence Listing, pages 1-36, into the specification.

Please replace the below-identified paragraphs of the specification with the following replacement paragraphs set forth in re-written "clean form":

Page 2, description of Figure 3:

-- Figures 3A-3C: Sequence of Ar6pAE2fF from left and right ends of viral DNA.
Regions of Ar6pAE2fF confirmed by DNA sequencing. Figures 3A-3B: Regions in first 1802